

5 O'CLOCK SPECIAL.

PRICE ONE CENT.

WIRES WORKING.

Western Union Resuming Telegraphic Business, "Subject to Delay."

Communication Established with All Important Points.

Figuring Up the Loss by the Great Fire—Pushing the Repairs.

Everybody in the Western Union Building was on the tip of excitement this morning. As soon as the disastrous fire of yesterday had been extinguished the officials of the telegraph company began preparations for the resumption of the interrupted business, and before the charred debris became cold hundreds of men had been set to work to bring order out of the confusion.

Up to noon to-day this work had been going on unceasingly, and the office in charge said there would be no let up until everything was repaired and the company was able to handle all business that came to it.

Throughout the metropolis the great fire was the talk of the day. Thousands of people who came up Broadway this morning stopped on the pavement long enough to survey the ruins on the upper floors of the big building.

The interior of the structure took on the appearance of a bee-hive. There were several hundred operators in the office in the basement, who had come to be assigned to different temporary stations throughout the city or at neighboring points, where a large amount of telegraphic business is being handled.

GETTING READY FOR WORK.

Upstairs on the fifth story Wire Chief Baldwin was hard at work with a gang of men turning the offices into an improvised operating room.

Huge switchboards, each carrying hundreds of wires, were being set in place as fast as skillful hands could arrange them, and Mr. Baldwin said that by the middle of next week the company would be able to handle all the work that came.

COMPUTING THE LOSSES.

The loss by the fire cannot yet be accurately estimated. The damage to stock and building will probably amount to over \$100,000, but what the loss on business will be it is impossible to estimate.

Mr. Somerville thinks that 10 per cent, or \$10,000 a day for a week, will cover the resultant loss, but there are many who think that the figure should be set very much higher.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS.

The temporary headquarters of the company and of the Associated Press will be in the old Brandreth House, corner of Canal street and Broadway, until the burned building is repaired and things are again running in ship-shape.

This building is now occupied by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's freight department, but the top floor has been utilized as an operating room.

As soon as arrangements could be made yesterday the company began bringing supplies to this place. The building possesses unusual advantages for this purpose, as it was used as an operating room up to a couple of years ago, when the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company was absorbed by the Western Union and the room was dismantled, its wires and instruments being removed to the Western Union Building.

This immense room was left bare, and yesterday everything had to be replaced. Men in large numbers were sent to the building to do this work, and by this morning a great change was effected. The place was full of bustle and activity.

GETTING WIRES AT WORK.

Connections had been established with all way stations on the New York Central Railroad from this city to Albany and on the New York City and Northern Railroad. Wires were also connected to Waterbury, New Britain, Hartford, Providence, Boston and all points East. There was a dynamo found in the cellar that was formerly used by the B. and O. Telegraph Company and this was speedily brought into use.

By this afternoon a great many more batteries will be put in place, and the facilities will be greatly increased.

UTILIZING SUBURBAN STATIONS.

But the work was not confined to fitting up the Broadway establishment. Operators were set at work in the Central Cable office, 16 Broad street, where the commercial wires are handled; in the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot in Jersey City; the depot of the Central Railroad of New Jersey; the Erie depot, Jersey City; the West Shore depot, Weehawken, and on the wire running from Hoboken, Elizabeth, Williamsbridge and many other neighboring points.

STRAINING EVERY NERVE.

Wire Chief Baldwin was at work nearly all night, and was on duty when an Evening World reporter saw him this morning.

"Yes, there is rushing in earnest," said he. "We have been here the greater part of the time since the fire came down, but our work was retarded by the great amount of water that flowed through the building."

board in place," pointing to a huge structure that was set up on one side of the room, "and we expect to have about ten more in place before night."

"To-morrow, it being Sunday, we will have a good opportunity to work on our repairs, and by Monday or Tuesday we will have two-thirds of our old territory covered."

"By the latter part of next week we will be doing business as usual. Through our branches at 415 Broadway, Twenty-third street and Jersey City we can now reach all principal points throughout the country. We have two hundred men out working on repairs, and by to-night we will be able to show great results."

BURY MANAGER DEADLY.

Manager W. J. Dealy was besieged in his little corner in the basement. Several hundred operators were in the office and Mr. Dealy was called upon to answer all their questions, besides ordering goods and arranging many minor details.

He was very cheerful over the progress of the work.

"We are now taking messages 'subject to delay,'" said he, "and are getting them off as rapidly as possible."

"We are increasing our facilities every hour, and in a few days will be able to cope with all that come. As a sample of what has been accomplished in such a short space of time, I will tell you that at 9:30 o'clock this morning we had the following wires in thorough working order:

Lines that are O. K.

Working from the Central Office, 16 Broad street—Two Atlantic cables, also land lines to Heart's Content, Halifax and Dunbury making all Atlantic cable connections O. K. From West Twenty-third street—To Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and the West, also to Boston and the East.

From Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, Jersey City—To Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and South to Florida, Cuba and the West Indies. Also to Galveston, Mexico, Central and South America, and to Cincinnati, Chicago and the West. Also the Southern and New York and Western Press circuits.

From the Central Railroad Depot, Jersey City—To Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Savannah, Augusta, Lynchburg, Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans, and all stations on the New Jersey Central Railroad. From the Erie Depot, Jersey City—To Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis and the West, and all branches of the Erie Railroad.

From the West Shore Depot, Weehawken—To Albany, Buffalo, Chicago and the West; also the United Press circuit and all way stations on the Erie, New York and Western and Western and Erie and Delaware roads.

From Hoboken—Way wires to D. L. and W. stations.

From Williamsbridge, N. Y.—To all way stations on New York and New Haven road, also on the Harlem road, and all Vermont stations, Springfield, Worcester, Boston and the East. Albany, Buffalo, Chicago and the West.

From 415 Broadway, New York—To all way stations on the New York Central road to Albany, and on New York City and Northern, also to Waterbury, New Britain, Hartford, Providence, Boston and the East. The Stock Exchange and financial circles are all O. K., and all other ticker service, including the Cotton, Coffee and Petroleum Exchanges, will be all right Monday morning.

WRECK OF THE OPERATING ROOM.

The operating-room this morning presented the most complete scene of wreck that it is possible to imagine. There was not the slightest trace left of the immense switchboard that cost \$250,000 to put in place, nor indeed was there anything left of anything else, except charred debris.

The fire swept right through, destroying everything. The plaster in the ceiling was falling in blocks, and nobody was allowed to enter.

Downstairs, on the floor below, was the battery-room. This was also a total loss.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BURNED OUT.

The fire caused an irreparable loss to the Associated Press. The records of the Association, dating back to 1842, were all destroyed, and all its valuable books and papers are totally destroyed.

The Associated Press had all its business in the Western Union Building, and the United Press and Press News associations did business in a smaller degree with the Western Union, although they did not have their offices in the building.

The Associated Press Agency was removed to Jersey City, where the Pennsylvania Railroad gave the use of a large room on the third floor of the building and set up tables for the telegraph instruments.

Several wires were furnished yesterday by the Western Union leading to different points, and tidings of the fire was flashed over the wires, so that editors at remote points might know why their usual supply of news had been cut off.

The Press News Association was greatly inconvenienced by the blaze. J. B. Townsend, its General Manager, said this morning:

"We managed to get all our matter through as usual last night, but we had much difficulty in doing so."

"Last night we worked our leased wires from the Jersey City cable tower. To-day we are sending our news by long distance telephone wire to Philadelphia, where the main circuit to the West is made up. To-night we will again work from the tower."

BROKE THE BROKERS UP.

The fire has worked havoc in Wall street. Brokers do an immense business with customers out of town, who use the wires to send their orders. The business exchanges were yesterday purely a local one, except for such orders as came over the lines of the Postal Telegraph Company.

The Western Union disaster has also put a great deal of extra work on the Postal Company. Although many extra operators have been put on by the latter company, there were not facilities great enough to handle the immense amount of

extra work, and the company was consequently cramped.

HOW IT AFFECTS THE OPERATORS.

The basement of the Western Union building was crowded with operators this morning, both male and female. Although the girls were told not to report until Monday, a large number of them came in and were assigned to duty.

The regular employees do not lose their "time" during the temporary delay, but the extras or "waiting men" as they are termed, are out of pocket by the delay caused by the flames.

In the hurry and bustle attending the fire yesterday 1,400 vouchers were saved, and many operators were paid off yesterday. Others received their salaries to-day.

TAKES A CHEERFUL VIEW.

Assistant Manager Brennan flew around the building, a very busy man. To an Evening World reporter he said:

"By this afternoon we expect to be able to cope with about one-third of the business that comes to us. We are increasing the forces in our branch offices, and are getting everything running in good shape."

The building to-day is drenched with water. A great deal of the water, but all the way through the building from the top to the basement there are traces of yesterday's flames.

The elevators are not running to-day, and those having business on the upper floors are compelled to walk up the dripping stairways.

DISCOMFORT FOR JAY GOULD.

The offices of Jay Gould, Gen. Eckert, and other officials of the company are badly soaked and disarranged to-day, and it will be several days before they can return to their old places.

Nat'l Manager Tobin and Chief Operator Robinson were the last to leave the burning operating room, and they are looked upon to-day as heroes.

Arrangements have been made by the Fire Department to investigate the cause of the fire.

Fire Marshal Mitchell and his assistant, Mr. Mather, have already gone over the ruins, and they will hold a formal inquiry and examine witnesses on Monday next.

AT THE CANAL STREET OFFICE.

Supt. Jones says the Wheatons system will be in place by Monday at 415 Broadway, and will enable the office to handle 3,000 messages a day to Chicago.

Dispatches are received at 415 Broadway from the various branch offices in the city and then transmitted to their destinations.

By Monday morning," said Mr. Jones, "we will be able to handle all the business that can be given us."

ANGLERS ARE IN HIGH GLEE.

Members of the Finny Tribe Biting With Avidity.

Now comes the season when the frisky members of the finny tribe lie in wait for the bait of the experienced amateur fisherman, who in turn lies in wait when telling his friends about the wonderful "big ones" that he hooked, but "they" somehow got away before he could land 'em.

Just now the man who goes fishing and returns without a fine mess of finny beauties can blame no one but himself or his ill-luck for it.

Fish of all kinds abound in the vicinity, and it is said that the irrepressible bluefish is snapping eagerly at anything and everything that is insinuatingly thrown out before his hungry maw.

Bluefish are now thronging the lower bay and hovering along the New Jersey and Long Island coast in great numbers, and many have been secured at Rockaway and Long Beach by simply throwing a squid out into the surf.

This has occurred when the bluefish have chased menhaden almost on to the shore, but the favorite manner of taking the "mackerel king" is by "chumming."

The channel off Fire Island is the finest spot in the locality for chumming and large catches are reported there daily. Never during the season has weak-fishing been better. At Canarsie and Rockaway the festive fellows have bitten as "in the good old days." As many as sixty two-pounders have been taken there by individuals in a day.

Weakfish are also taken at Murr's, at the Hamlet, Borman's, Broad Channel and the New Jersey Creek station, and frequently striped bass are net with.

The Staten Island resorts have not sustained their usual reputation, but the bluefish are being taken there by individuals in a day.

Fine catches are reported at the Baritan Bay oyster beds and up the Kills to Seawaren at Rock Point, Newark Bay and the New Jersey Central bridge are also becoming quite noted resorts.

Pike are abundant in Jamaica Bay and off South Beach. In Jamaica Bay also and in the Kills the decorative porgy is frequently met with, but hard to hook.

There are good prospects for sheepshead this year, and many are taken along the Jersey coast with a special net-like tackle.

Blackfish and flounders, with a few small striped bass, monopolize the Sound this year. Black bass fishing is a failure this year, and anglers at Greenwood Lake and Lake Hopewagon are disappointed.

Weakfish are being taken from the Hudson as far up as Sing Sing. At all the lakes bass, pickerel and perch are being freely taken. Perch will bite at anything, but trolling is the favorite method of taking pickerel. Bass also will frequently take a spoon hook.

Word comes from the St. Lawrence River that the fishing is good. Trolling for muskellunge is the favorite sport.

Anglers in the Restigouche are having excellent luck. Some splendid salmon are being taken from the pools.

Few salmon are being taken in the Penobscot this year. Quite a run is expected there and also in the Hudson next year on account of the recent stocking of the river.

The brook trout season is closed in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and will not open until April 1. In this State, however, the speckled beauties may be caught until September. The season has been an exceptionally fine one.

Big blackfish and sea bass are being caught in the Chesapeake Bay, and drumfish are occasionally taken along the coast.

Answers to ONE "WANT" in The World.

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